

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently amended) A method of testing for a cedar pollen allergy in a human subject, said method comprising the steps of:

(a) preparing T cells from the subject~~a-subject~~,
(b) preparing an RNA sample from said T cells,
(c) conducting hybridization with said RNA sample using a probe consisting of the complement of a segment of SEQ ID NO:1, optionally wherein the probe is linked to a label or vector nucleic acid~~comprising nucleotides of gene 513, wherein the nucleotides consist of a segment of nucleotides between positions 36 and 1171 of SEQ ID NO:1 or the complement thereof wherein said probe is labeled~~, and

(d) measuring the amount of RNA that is derived from said subject and that hybridizes with said probe, and comparing said amount with the amount of RNA of a control group which has 3.5 AU/mL or less of cedar pollen specific IgE, wherein if the amount of gene 513 RNA is significantly higher in a sample from the subject than in the control group, then the subject is determined to have a cedar pollen allergy.

6. (Currently amended) A method of testing for a cedar pollen allergy in a human subject, said method comprising the steps of:

(a) preparing T cells from the subject~~a-subject~~,
(b) preparing an RNA sample from said T cells,
(c) synthesizing cDNA by conducting reverse transcription reaction with said RNA sample,

(d) conducting polymerase chain reaction (PCR) using said cDNA as template and a primer consisting of a segment of gene 513 SEQ ID NO:1 or the complement thereof, optionally wherein the probe is linked to a label or vector nucleic acid ~~that comprising nucleotides of gene 513, wherein the nucleotides consist of a segment of nucleotides between positions 36 and 1171 of SEQ ID NO: 1 or the complement thereof,~~ and

(e) comparing the amount of DNA amplified by said PCR with a control group which has 3.5 AU/mL or less of cedar pollen specific IgE, wherein if the amount of gene 513 cDNA is significantly higher in a sample from the subject than in the control group, then the subject is determined to have a cedar pollen allergy.

7. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein said PCR is carried out by a PCR amplification monitoring method.

8. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~claims~~ 5, wherein said T cells are prepared from peripheral blood of said subject.

9. (Canceled)

10-20. (Canceled)

21. (Currently amended) The method of claim 5, wherein the probe consists of at least 15 nucleotides ~~between positions 36 and 1171 of SEQ ID NO:1 and~~ or the complement thereof.

22. (Currently amended) The method of claim 6, wherein the primer consists of at least 15 nucleotides ~~between positions 36 and 1171 of SEQ ID NO:1 and~~ or the complement thereof.